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The Function of Money.

The function of money is, primarily, its use as an instrument of barter—its purchasing power. Out of the system of credit purchases and the consequent debts grows the secondary function of money—its debt paying power.

Now in order to be a sound currency, our money must possess both the primary and secondary function. The primary use cannot be wholly delegated to money by legislation. True, the fiat of the government has a limited power. National credit is sufficient to give irredeemable paper money, issued in limited quantities, a purchasing power equal to gold and silver with their intrinsic worth. But the national credit can be exceeded, just as an individual can issue more checks and notes than his credit will maintain. Indeed in the very inception of the greenback the government credit was so strained that it took \$2.50 of the greenbacks to equal \$1.00 of gold in purchasing power.

The secondary function of money, the debt paying power, is wholly a matter of legislation. No creditor is obliged to take money in settlement of a debt except that which the law makes a legal tender for debt. If the United States government so dictates, it is doubtless powerful enough to force the creditor classes to accept that in payment of debts which would be absolutely worthless in purchasing power except as those who were themselves in debt were willing to barter for the stuff to use in balancing with their own creditors. There is a class of financiers(?) who lose sight entirely of the primary function of money—its purchasing power, and work upon the minds of debtor classes with plausible talk concerning the easy payment of debts.

In the time of depreciated greenbacks during the war, the creditors suffered severely because the dollar of paper would pay as much indebtedness as the dollar of gold, while it would purchase less than half as much of any commodities. In the last few years the debtor classes have suffered severely because all monetary legislation has tended to enhance the purchasing power of the dollar, which of course has been detrimental to the debt paying ability of the masses.

There is not the slightest doubt as to the power of the government to open the mints to the free coinage of the silver of the world a ratio of 16 to 1 and to compel the creditors to take the dollars thus made. There is, however, room for very grave doubt as to whether the credit of the United States is sufficient to legislate 50 per cent of purchasing power to this amount of silver. The American debtor is, as a rule, an honest man and desires to repay fully all he owes, and does not ask a depreciated dollar with which to pay. As we have said in former articles on the financial question, the only thing to be determined is whether opening the mints to free coinage at 16 to 1 would or would not drive gold to a premium, then to Europe and put us on a practical monometallic basis of silver. The NORTHERNER fears such would be the case. A ratio of 20 or 24 to 1 would doubtless make the venture safe; a limiting of the free coinage to the product of American mines would, perhaps, be a wise restriction and a measure of protection to an American industry at the same time. An international agreement between several of the great powers as to the ratio of silver coinage, free at the mints of all, is a thing that now looks probable, and would be the most stable and satisfactory of all.

Silver is bound to be remonetized in the United States. Silver as a basic money metal is needed in all Europe and the people there feel the need and demand the money. The basis of the return of silver is alone to be determined in this country, and the NORTHERNER only desires that the return be made in such a way as to aid the debtor, protect the creditor and maintain the financial honor of the United States.

The administration is worried over the prospect of another bond issue in the near future.

While in Stockton, Cal., some time ago, Thos. F. Langan of Los Banos, that state, was taken severely with cramps and diarrhoea. He chanced to meet Mr. C. M. Carter, who was similarly afflicted. He says: "I told him of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and we went to the Holden Drug Store and procured a bottle of it. It gave Mr. Carter prompt relief and I can vouch for its having cured me." For sale by Longwell Bros.

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FATE FORETOLD BY MOLES.

Latest Wrinkle of the Fortune Tellers—Have Prepared Diagrams.

Gotham is just now overrun with these parasites, says a New York paper. The nonsense of fortune-telling is one in which not only the ignorant indulge, but the daughters of wealth and education are addicted to it. A surreptitious visit to a fortune teller is one of the common escapades of society matrons and maids, and anything new in that line is bound to recompense its operator. A New York astrologer has set up a curious variation of his business of humbug, and his specialty is the telling of fortunes by means of moles. He pretends to be able to read character and make prophecies by means of these blemishes of skin. It would bother other than an ingenious man to put this method into practical use, but the difficulties are surmounted by the "professor" in question. He has printed on cards four outlines of the female human figure—showing the form from each point of the compass, so to speak. His clients on their first visit are provided with a set of these cards, which they must take home and mark just in the right spot with the moles they happen to bear. They then return to the fortune teller and he reads their attributes and destiny from the diagrams thus filled out. A mole on the shoulder means one thing, one on the side has a totally different interpretation, and so on through a vast number of locations and combinations. The fellow has adapted himself to his particular humbug by growing a tremendous beard, which makes him look like a wise man of the east, and he wears an oriental robe, which increases his impressiveness. His gravity is perfect; he talks like an educated man, and he is doing an immensely lucrative business, his price is two dollars and his customers so many that usually one has to wait in the ante-room an hour or so for an audience.

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"I once knew a little colored boy whose mother and father died when he was but six years old. He was a slave and had no one to care for him. He slept on a dirt floor in a hovel, and in cold weather would crawl into a meal bag head foremost and leave his feet in the ashes to keep them warm. Often he would roast an ear of corn and eat it to satisfy his hunger, and many times has he crawled under the barn or stable and secured eggs, which he would roast in the fire and eat."

"That boy did not wear pants like you do, but a tow line shirt. Schools were unknown to him, and he learned to spell from an old Webster's spelling book and to read and write from posters on cellar and barn doors, while boys and men would help him. He would then preach and speak, and soon became well known. He became presidential elector, United States marshal, United States recorder, United States diplomat and accumulated some wealth. He wore broadcloth and didn't have to divide crumbs with the dogs under the table. That boy was Frederick Douglass."

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